

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 12, as follows:

Referring to FIG. 1, a divergent light beam emitted from light source 81 is substantially collimated by a collimator lens 82 and restricted for quantity by a diaphragm 83 before it enters a cylindrical lens 84 that is made to have a predetermined refractive power only in the sub-scanning direction. The substantially collimated light beam entering the cylindrical lens 84 is then made to exit the ~~lens~~ lens as a beam substantially collimated in the main-scanning plane, while it is converged in the sub-scanning plane to produce a linear image on the deflection plane (reflection plane) 85al of a light deflector 85 comprising a rotary polygon mirror.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 14, as follows:

To avoid this problem, in this embodiment of a tandem type color image forming apparatus comprising a plurality of scanning optical apparatus, the timing of scanning of each of the scanning optical apparatus is controlled on the surface of the corresponding photosensitive drum at or near the center of the scanning width in the main-scanning direction in a manner as described above by referring to the first embodiment. In other words, the photodetector (BD) sensor and the center of the scanning width in the main-scanning direction on the surface to be scanned are optically held equivalent. To realize this, the surfaces of the synchronism detecting optical element

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(anamorphic lens) made of a plastic material and formed by molding as a single piece are arranged substantially substantially orthogonally relative to the synchronism detection light beam in each of the scanning optical apparatus.

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